

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION



“EDUCATION is *not* to reform students or amuse them or to make them expert technicians.

It is to unsettle their minds,
widen their horizons,
inflame their intellects,

TEACH THEM TO THINK STRAIGHT,
if possible.”

- *Robert Maynard Hutchins*



Shimer College

The Great Books College of Chicago

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Shimer College
Application Guide
Weekday and Weekend Programs

The following is a guide to assist you in completing your application for admission to Shimer College. If at any time you have a question that isn't answered here, please send us an email at admission@shimer.edu or call us at 800-215-7173 or 312-235-3500

- **Are you applying as a Weekday or Weekend student?** The **Weekday** Program is designed for traditional-age college students. Each course meets three to four days each week and a typical course load is three to four courses per semester. The **Weekend** Program meets every third weekend, seven times each semester. This is an intensive option for mature individuals who have been out of high school for a number of years. The program provides adults the opportunity to pursue a Liberal Arts degree full- or part-time while they meet their family or work obligations.
- **High School or GED Transcripts** are required for any student who has fewer than 60 earned semester (or 90 quarter) hours at another college.
- **College Entrance Examinations (ACT or SAT):** In most cases, Shimer College does not require college entrance examinations for admission. However, if they are available, we ask that they be posted on your high school transcript or that you ask the testing agency to forward the results to Shimer. Shimer's ACT code is 1142 and its SAT code is 1717.
- **College Transcripts:** If you have attended any college or university since high school, you are regarded as a transfer student. Please list all the schools you have attended since high school and contact the registrar at each of these schools to request that an official transcript be sent to Shimer College. These transcripts are necessary before your application can be reviewed. Send transcripts and all other application materials to:

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- **Job History:** Many high school students have part-time and/or summer jobs. If you are applying to the Weekday program, Shimer would be interested to know about them. If you are applying for the Weekend Program, job experience is especially important; it is among the primary criteria considered in reviewing your application for admission to Shimer.
- **Admission Interviews** are usually conducted in person after the college has received your application. However, if you are visiting the campus, we will be happy to meet with you at that time. If you are unavailable for a personal interview, arrangements can be made for a telephone interview.
- **Essays or Writing Samples** are an important part of your application. They will be read carefully by the Admission Committee. As an alternative to the questions listed on the application form, you may elect to submit a portfolio of two or three examples of expository writing of high quality.

As the Great Books College of Chicago, we at Shimer look forward to having you join us as we continue our mission of preparing citizens of the world.



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Application for: Weekday Program
 Weekend Program (For Adults)
Fall ___ Spring ___ 20___

Name & Address

_____ M F
Last First Middle

Prefer to be called (nickname)

Email

Permanent Address

Mailing Address (if different from Permanent Address)

Use this address until (date) _____

Address

Address

Line 2

Line 2

City State Zip

City State Zip

Telephone (_____) _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Social Security Number

Date of birth (mm/dd/year)

Place of birth

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If not, are you a permanent resident? Yes No If not, what is your citizenship? _____

Please identify yourself, checking all that apply. (This is an optional question.)

- Asian American, Pacific Islander Eskimo, Aleut, Native American White Hispanic, Latino
 African American, Black Other (specify) _____ Multiracial (specify) _____

High School Information

Name Address City State Zip

H.S. Graduation Date (mm/year) Counselor's Name (_____) Counselor's Phone _____

Please list all schools attended since high school	Years Attended
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If you are not currently in school, please describe what you are doing _____

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

List the academic areas in which you have the greatest interest (e.g., Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

List the extracurricular or community activities you enjoy

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer	Position	Dates of employment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Parent Guardian Spouse Significant other Other _____
Relationship

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____ Jr., etc. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(_____) _____ (_____) _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Email _____

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION

1. Application fee of \$25 by check or money order made payable to Shimer College
2. Official high school or GED transcripts
3. An interview which may be conducted on the Shimer campus or by phone
4. Official transcripts from **each** college attended

WEEKDAY PROGRAM	WEEKEND PROGRAM										
<p>Test Scores: If you plan to submit any of the following, please list the scores and test dates and have the official scores sent to Shimer College</p> <table> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Score</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Test Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACT _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAT _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GED _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOEFL _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table> <p>One academic letter of recommendation (teacher or counselor)</p> <p>_____ Name of person submitting the recommendation</p> <p>Essays: Two carefully written, typed and substantive essays</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe an educational experience which you found to be rewarding or frustrating 2. What book have you read recently that you found especially significant or valuable? What difference has it made in your life? 	Score	Test Date	ACT _____	_____	SAT _____	_____	GED _____	_____	TOEFL _____	_____	<p>The Weekend Program meets every third weekend on the Shimer campus</p> <p>Test Scores: If you plan to submit any of the following, please list the scores and test dates and have the official scores sent to Shimer College</p> <p>GED _____</p> <p>TOEFL _____</p> <p>Writing Sample: Include a sample of writing that demonstrates your written communication skills</p> <p>One letter of recommendation. Ideally, this will be academic. However, it may come from an employer or someone else who knows you well</p> <p>_____ Name of person submitting the recommendation</p>
Score	Test Date										
ACT _____	_____										
SAT _____	_____										
GED _____	_____										
TOEFL _____	_____										

The information supplied by me on this application is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____